

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 7 0700 Hours 2 September 2006

New Information in Bold Italics

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center has increased its awareness and preparation for the possible impact of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Response Operations condition, monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories, National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, coordinating conference calls, and producing Situation Reports. FEMA ERT-A has arrived at the VEOC to support the Federal Coordinating Officer, ESF #5 Emergency Management, Logistics, Planning; ESF #14 Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation (Preliminary Damage Assessment section), ESF #1 Transportation, ESF #3 Public Works, ESF #10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response, Emergency Planning Liaison Officer, Joint Information Center – Public Affairs, and External Affairs.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort; manage an aggressive response to request for assistance; and, keep stakeholders and the public informed.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, allowing the deployment of Virginia National Guard personnel and other assets in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Protective Actions:

Local Activation of EOC:

City of Richmond – 31 August @ 1300

Henrico County – Closed 1 September @ 2200

Fairfax County – Closed 2 September @ 0700

Waynesboro City – 31 August @ 1600

New Kent County – 1 September @ 0700

City of Hampton – 1 September @ 0800

City of Virginia Beach – Closed 1 September @ 1700

James City County – Closed 1 September @ 1800

Chesterfield County – 1 September @ 0600

York County – 1 September @ 0700

Town of Herndon – Closed 1 September @ 1900

Loudoun County – Closed 1 September @ 2030

City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 1000

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1030

Stafford County – 1 September @ 2100

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 0800

Town of Chincoteague – 1 September @ 1400

Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200

Accomack County – Closed 1 September 1800

Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400

Middlesex County – 1 September

City of Newport News – 1 September @ 0830

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Local State of Emergency Declared

Waynesboro City – Rescinded 1 September @ 1700

York County – 1 September @ 0900

City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900

City of Richmond – 1 September

City of Newport News – 1 September @ 0100

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230

Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200

Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200

Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400

Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830

Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200

Fairfax County – 2 September @ 0100

Local Activation of Shelters:

Henrico County – Closed 1 September

York County/Poquoson – 1 September

City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1030 (1 shelter open, **41 occupants**)

City of Hampton – Closed 1 September @ 1800

Northumberland County – 1 September

Lancaster County – 1 September (1 shelter open, 6 occupants)

Accomack County – 1 September (1 shelter open, 6 occupants)

Middlesex County – 1 September (1 shelter open)

Gloucester County – 1 September (1 shelter open, 30 occupants)

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina Declared a State of Emergency

The District of Columbia Declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia Declared a State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Distributing press releases and fielding media inquiries. Joint Information Center (JIC) is operational. Governor Kaine had a press conference at the VEOC on 1 September @ 1300. ***Governor Kaine will be on Good Morning America and the Today Show on 2 September.***

WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday 2 September: Areas of drizzle and fog before 7 am, then isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 81. Northwest winds of 7 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. A coastal flood warning remains posted for Chesapeake Bay and the tidal Potomac. Tropical depression Ernesto has become extra-tropical and nearly stationary over the Mid-Atlantic while continuing to move slowly north. Flood warnings and flash flood watches are no longer in effect for Virginia. Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Calm wind between 4 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management: Virginia is currently at Hurricane Readiness Condition 3. Regional Conference Calls for localities and National Weather Service were held on, Wednesday 30 August, Thursday, 31 August, and Friday 1 September. A Conference Call with State Agencies for a briefing by the National Weather Service, Wakefield Office, was conducted on Wednesday, 30 August, Thursday, 31 August, and Friday 1 September. VDEM has also participated in Conference Call involving the State of Maryland, FEMA National, FEMA Region III, United States Coast Guard and others. On Saturday 2 September Regional Conference Calls for localities are scheduled as follows: VDEM Regions 1 and 5 – 1000 hours; VDEM Regions 2, 3 and 7 – 1045 hours; VDEM Regions 4 and 6 – 1130 hours.

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STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Hurricane Center and local National Weather Service advisories.

LOCAL LIAISON: *There have been a total of 6 requests from localities as of 0430 am on 9-2-06. These requests are:*

- *Debris removal equipment in the Town of Chincoteague*
- *Radio communications repair assistance in Powhatan County*
- *Phone/radio communications repair assistance in Middlesex County*
- *High-water vehicles for evacuating families whose homes were flooded in Gloucester County*
- *“John boats” needed to assist in the evacuation of residents in flooded areas of Lancaster County*
- *Water storage/distribution equipment to meet residents needs in Hanover County*

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: 11 personnel from VA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Norfolk VA, deployed to Atlanta, GA and 21 have been placed on standby by FEMA/NDMS. *Riverside Regional Medical Center is no longer on backup generator. Newport News Health Department has no power.*

ESF 9 – Search & Rescue: *1 CAP aircraft equipped with Satellite Digital Imagery System (SDIS) will be deployed 2 September. City of Roanoke has a Type II Swiftwater Rescue Team (6-person) on standby to assist requesting agencies. Four Salem personnel would deploy with the City of Roanoke.*

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: *VDOT reports portions of 5 interstates, 8 primary roads, and 129 secondary roads are closed or under repairs due to flooding or washout.* VDOT has temporarily suspended ferry service at the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry as of 1st September. *U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads standing down from Hurricane Operations and returning to normal operations.*

ESF 3 – Public Works: US Army Corps of Engineers reports that all locks and bridges are functioning and all canal water levels are normal.

ESF 12 – Energy: *Virginia Dominion Power reports 212,833 customers without power as of 0600 Hours, 2 September. Electric Cooperatives report 2,859 customers without power as of 1330, 1 September.*

ESF 13 – Public Safety: VA National Guard is prepositioned for local evacuation in the Hampton Roads, Richmond and Shenandoah Valley areas.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 90 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting input from localities.

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RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage

Assessment Report:

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Public</i>
<i>Chesterfield County</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Hampton City</i>	<i>\$176,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Henrico County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Henry County</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Powhatan County</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$336,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>

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